

**TABLE 1.**  
**AGE-SPECIFIC<sup>a</sup> AND TOTAL AGE-ADJUSTED<sup>b</sup> SUICIDE MORTALITY RATES,**  
**ARIZONA AND UNITED STATES, 1987-1997 AND AVERAGE AGE AT**  
**DEATH FROM SUICIDE FOR ARIZONA**

YEAR	AREA	AGE GROUPS:						Total Age-Adjusted Suicide Mortality Rate	Average Age at Death from Suicide
		15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
1987	AZ	23.1	23.3	24.3	26.9	29.8	31.1	<b>19.3 (687)</b>	44.2
	U.S.	12.8	14.8	14.9	15.5	17.8	NA	<b>11.7</b>	
1988	AZ	24.0	24.0	21.7	19.9	22.5	32.6	<b>17.8 (666)</b>	44.2
	U.S.	12.8	15.5	14.3	14.8	15.7	21.1	<b>11.3</b>	
1989	AZ	20.3	20.3	25.5	17.7	25.1	34.2	<b>17.1 (669)</b>	45.7
	U.S.	13.8	15.8	14.7	16.0	16.2	20.3	<b>11.7</b>	
1990	AZ	21.5	25.2	21.2	22.0	24.0	31.3	<b>17.7 (692)</b>	44.7
	U.S.	13.6	15.1	14.4	14.4	15.2	20.5	<b>11.5</b>	
1991	AZ	20.0	19.3	20.5	26.5	20.5	29.3	<b>16.6 (658)</b>	45.2
	U.S.	13.1	14.1	14.6	14.0	14.3	19.7	<b>11.4</b>	
1992	AZ	16.0	19.5	23.5	20.4	23.5	29.4	<b>15.9 (660)</b>	45.8
	U.S.	12.9	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.5	19.1	<b>11.1</b>	
1993	AZ	25.3	24.0	23.6	22.4	21.7	29.2	<b>18.5 (755)</b>	43.5
	U.S.	13.8	14.9	14.5	14.1	14.2	18.9	<b>11.2</b>	
1994	AZ	30.8	25.8	26.3	23.9	20.5	26.7	<b>20.0 (816)</b>	42.2
	U.S.	14.9	16.0	15.4	13.2	14.5	18.1	<b>11.6</b>	
1995	AZ	21.6	30.0	30.0	22.5	19.8	29.0	<b>19.5 (858)</b>	44.0
	U.S.	13.3	15.4	15.2	14.6	13.3	18.1	<b>11.2</b>	
1996	AZ	20.9	22.3	24.4	21.8	14.9	23.3	<b>16.3 (762)</b>	43.8
	U.S.	12.1	12.0	14.5	15.5	14.9	17.3	<b>10.8</b>	
1997	AZ	23.4	22.4	26.3	20.3	14.6	24.1	<b>16.9 (810)</b>	43.3
	U.S.	11.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	<b>10.3</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Number of suicides per 100,000 population in specified age groups.

<sup>b</sup> The age-adjusted rates presented in this report were computed by the direct method, that is by applying the age-specific death rate for suicide to the standard population distributed by age. The total U.S. population as enumerated in 1940 was selected as the standard. The "age-adjustment" or "age-standardization" removes the effects of the age differences in population composition.

<sup>c</sup> The number in parenthesis is the number of suicides to Arizona residents.